



GPS and E-911: An Update on the Technology

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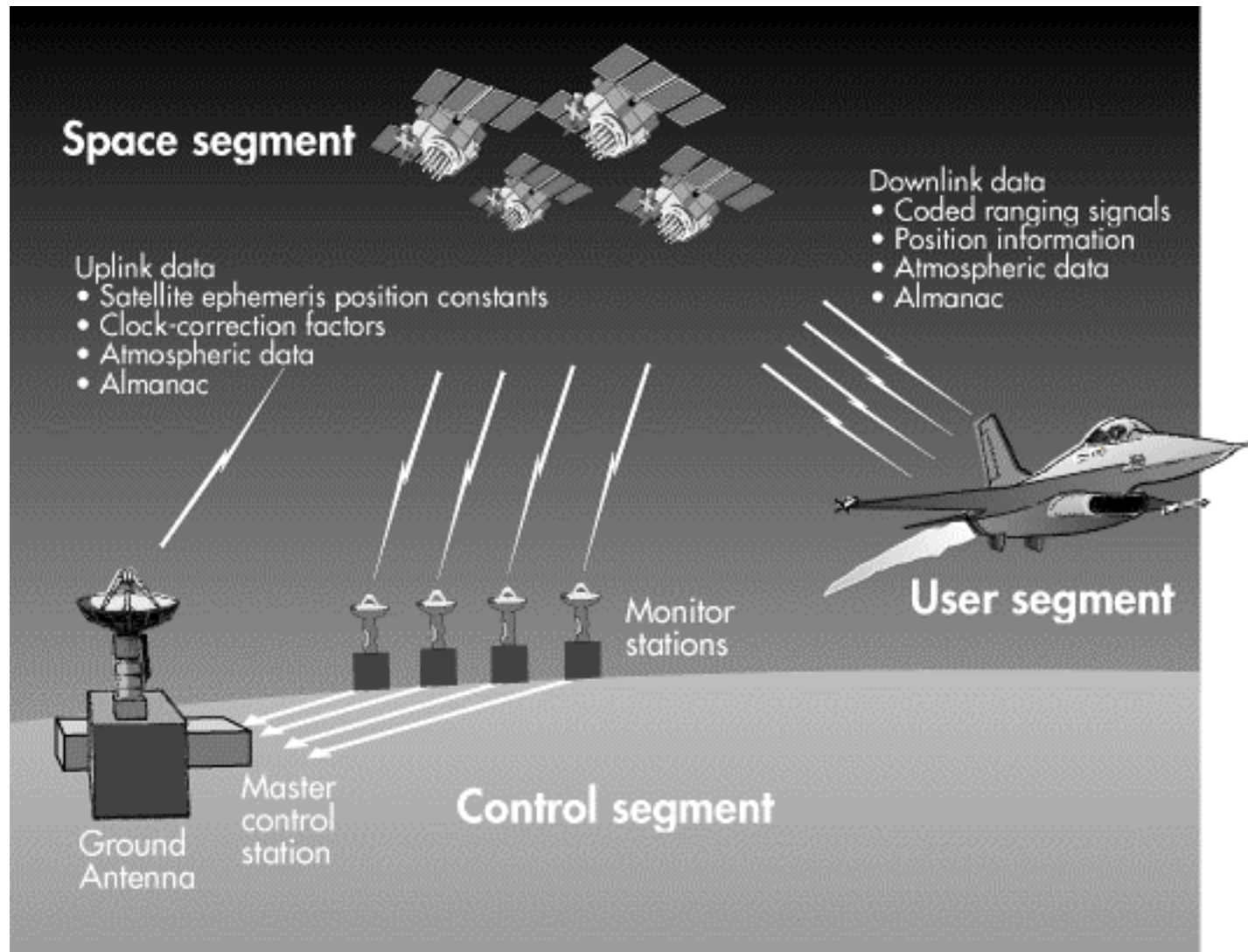
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Outline



- Introduction to GPS
- Current status
- Receiver technology
- GPS Capabilities
- Uses
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- GPS and E-911
- GPS-equipped phones
- The future



Altitude: 10,900 nmi

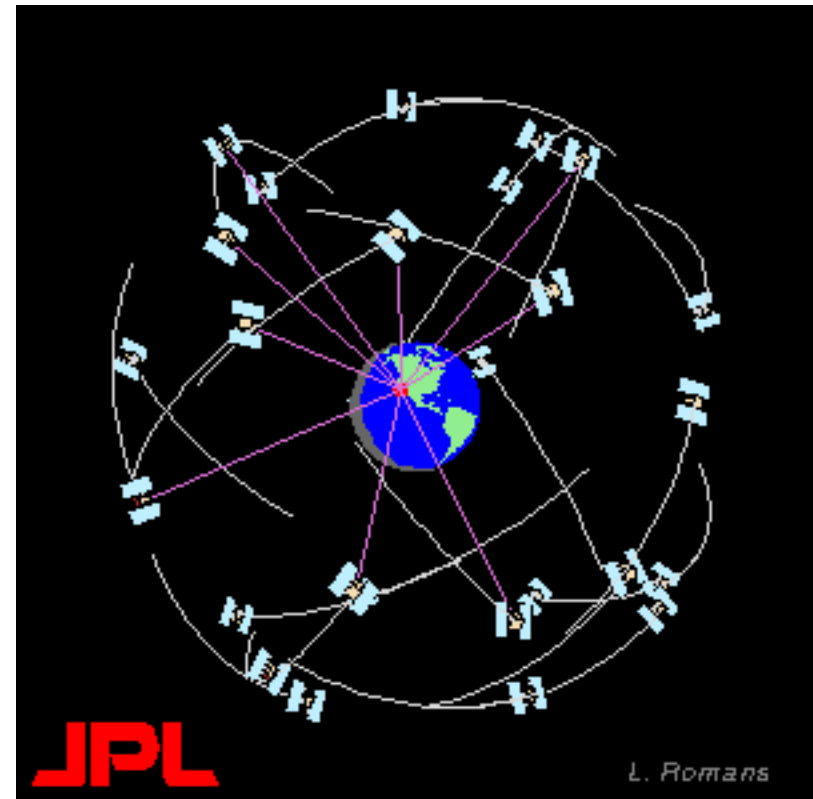
**Orbital Period: 12 hrs
(semi-synchronous)**

Orbital Plane: 55 degrees

Number of Planes: 6

Vehicles per plane: 4-5

Constellation size: >24 satellites



GPS Satellites





Generations of Satellites



- Block I Prototype (test) satellites. 10 launched between 1978 and 1985. All retired.
- Block II Initial operational satellites. 9 launched between 1989 and 1990. 5 still functioning.
- Block IIA Slightly modified Block IIs. 19 launched between 1990 and 1997. 18 still functioning.
- Block IIR Replenishment satellites. 6 launched to date. First in 1997. C/A code on L2 plus higher power on last 12 satellites launched from 2003 onwards.
- Block IIF Follow-on satellites. New civil signal at 1176.45 MHz. First launch expected in 2005.
- Block III Conceptual.
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Satellite Launch



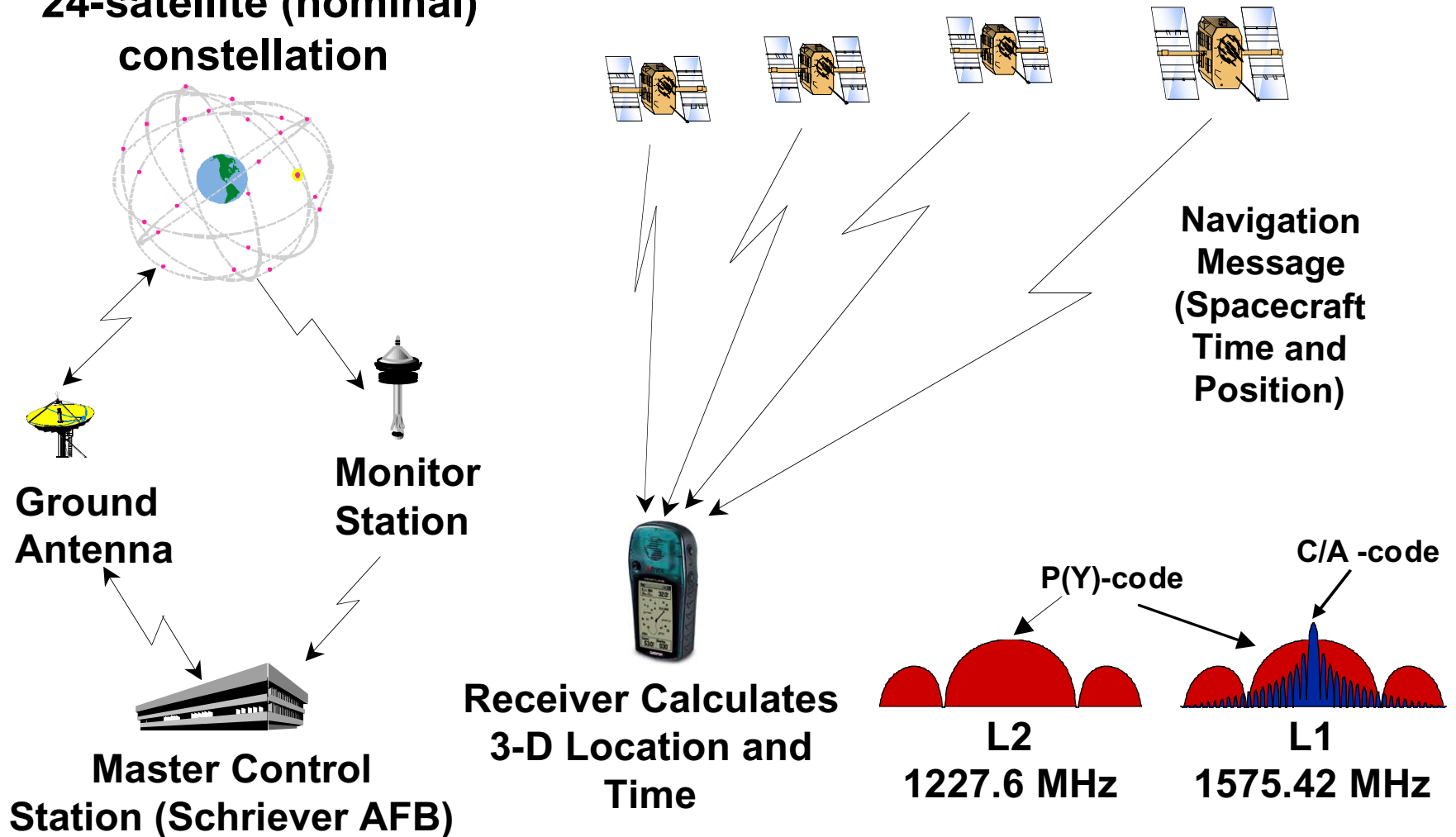
Previous launch:
IIR-6, SVN 41, PRN 14
10 November 2000

Latest launch:
IIR-7
Last night!



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24-satellite (nominal) constellation

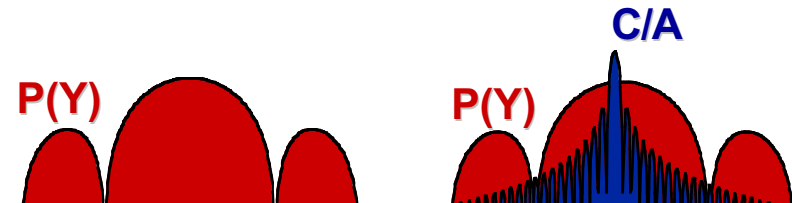




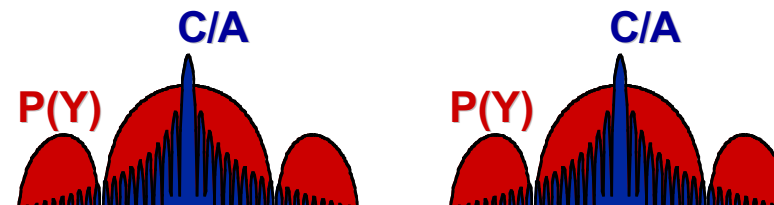
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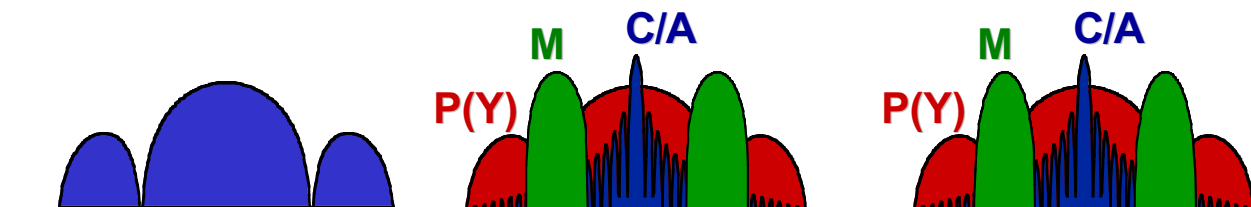
Present Signal



Civil Non-Aviation
Signal (>2003)



Civil Aviation &
New Military
Signals (>2005)



1176 MHz
L5

1227 MHz
L2

1575 MHz
L1

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GPS History



- 1973 - Consolidation of several U.S. DoD developmental programs into the Navstar Global Positioning System
- 1978 - First prototype satellites launched
- 1983 - Korean Airlines Flight 007 shot down. President Reagan reaffirms U.S. policy on civil use of GPS
- 1989 - First operational satellites launched
- 1993 - Initial Operational Capability (24 satellites)
- 1995 - Full Operational Capability
- 2000 - Selective Availability turned off



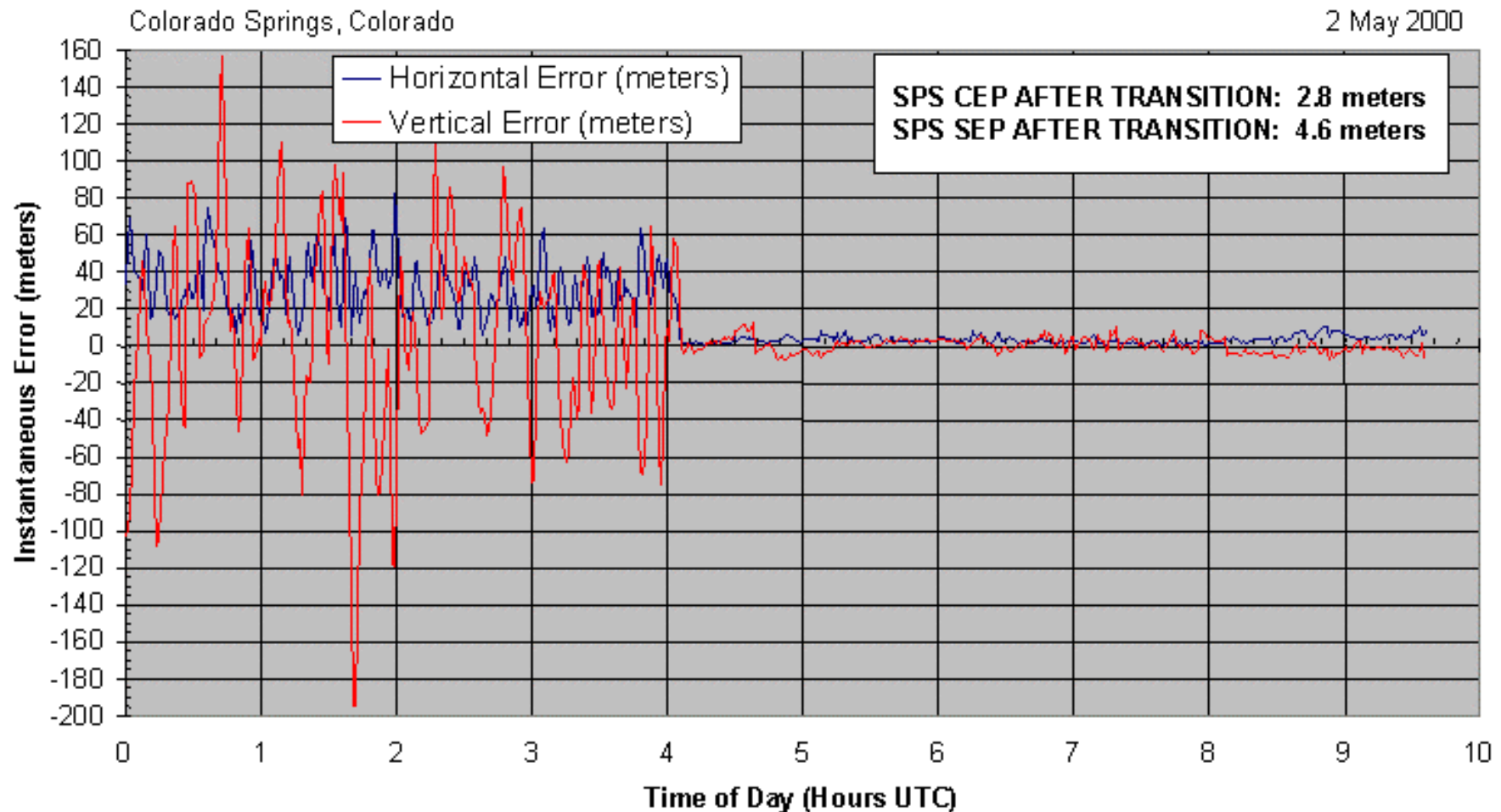
Positioning Accuracy



Accuracy	Method	Relative Cost
10 - 30 m	Single receiver	\$ - \$\$
1 - 10 m	Differential code (Simple receiver)	\$ - \$\$
10 cm - 1 m	Differential code	\$\$
1 - 10 cm	Differential phase (Real-time kinematic)	\$\$\$\$
2 - 5 mm	Differential phase (single frequency)	\$\$
2 - 5 mm	Differential phase (dual frequency)	\$\$\$\$\$



Selective Availability Switched Off



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GPS Benefits



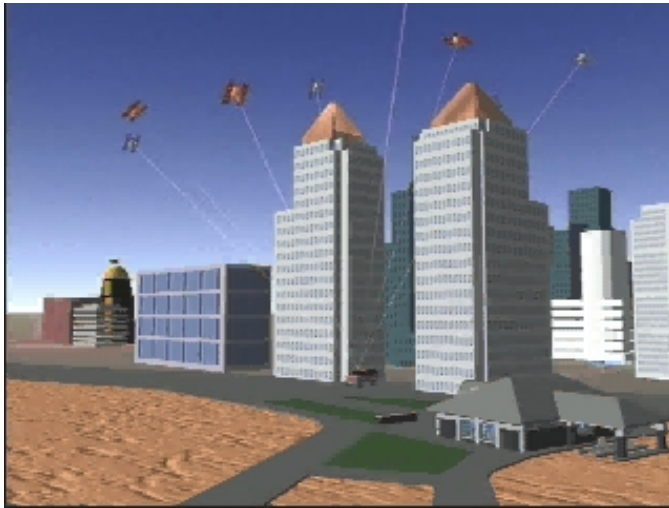
- 24-hour, all weather, worldwide service
- Extremely accurate, three-dimensional location information (providing latitude, longitude, and altitude)
- Extremely accurate velocity information
- Precise timing services
- A worldwide common spatial reference frame (WGS 84) that is easily converted to any local frame, e.g., NAD 83 (CSRS)
- Continuous real-time information
- Accessibility to an unlimited number of worldwide users



GPS Difficulties

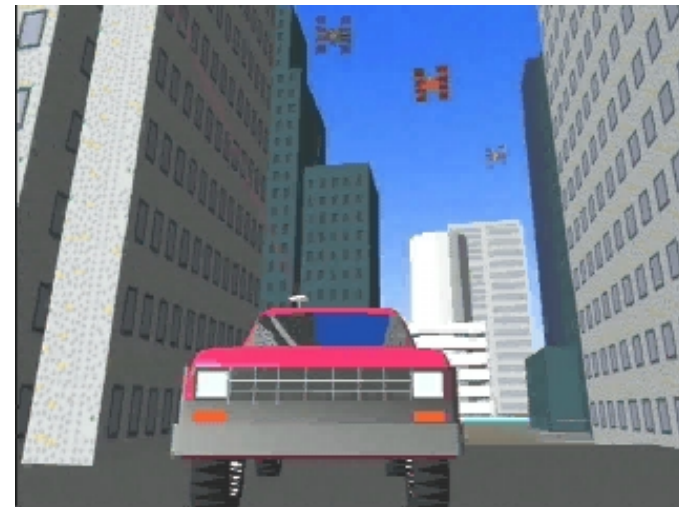


- GPS signals relatively weak (actually buried in background noise)
- Signals cannot penetrate into concrete and steel buildings or underground
- Signals can be blocked by buildings and other structures
- Susceptible to interference or jamming
- Reflected signals (multipath) cause position error

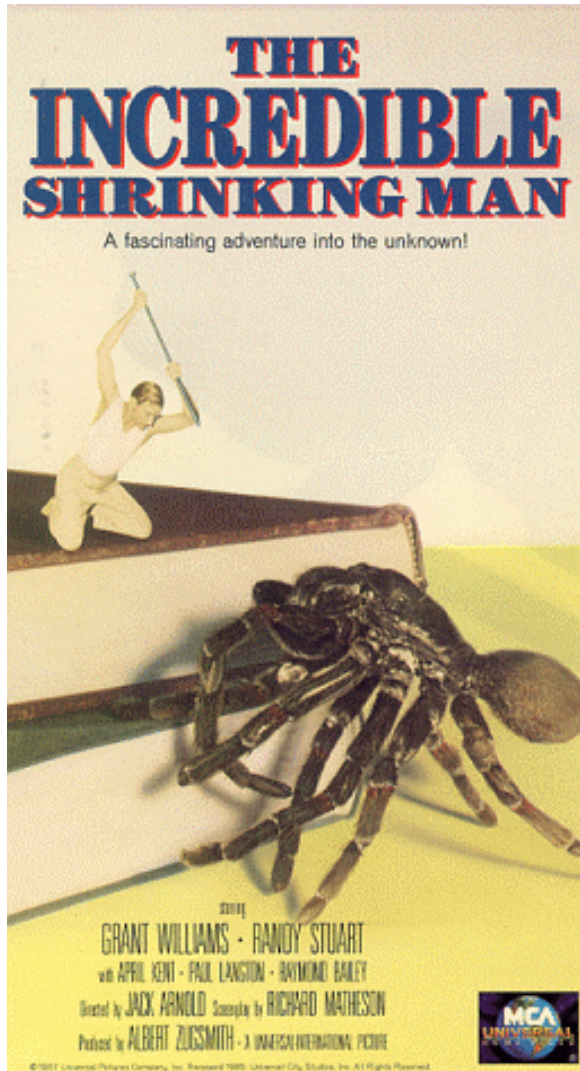


Tall buildings can block
GPS satellite signals

Reduced satellite visibility
increases geometrical
dilution of precision
resulting in reduced
positioning accuracy



The Incredible Shrinking GPS Receiver



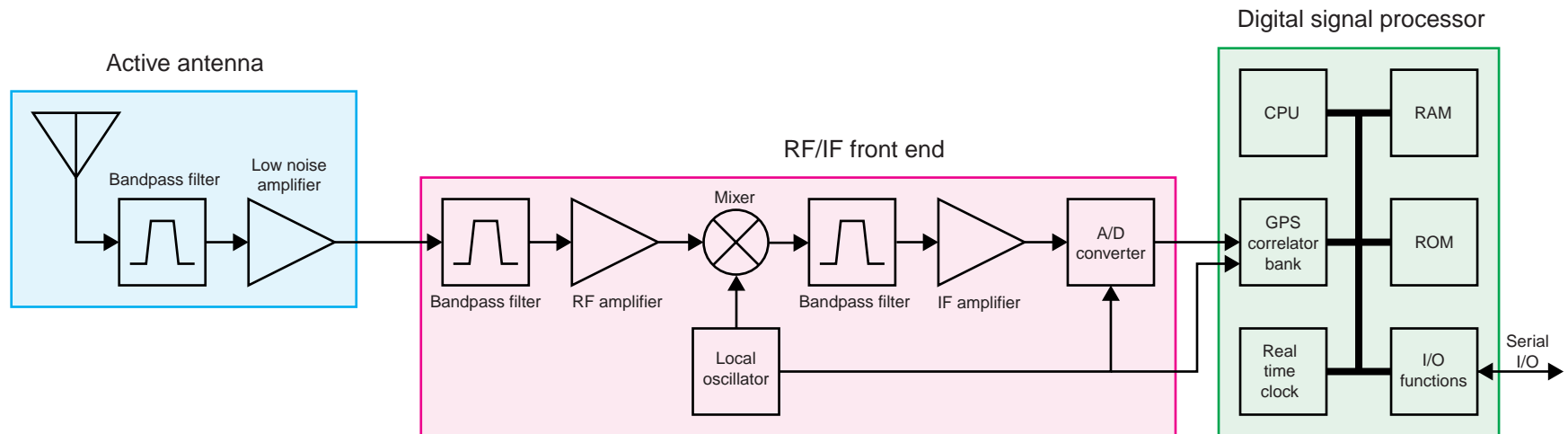
- First commercially available GPS receivers, circa 1980, consisted of two 19-inch racks of electronics
- In 1982, first “portable” receiver introduced; weighed 25 kg and consumed 110 watts of power
- First large handheld receivers introduced in 1988
- 1993: multi-chip module prototype
- 1999: GPS watch

Casio Satellite Navi Watch

- PAT-1GP first generation version introduced in 1999
- PAT-2GP second generation version introduced last year
- More compact and lighter
- Rechargeable lithium-ion battery
- PC interface
- \$499.95 (U.S.)



“Two Chip” GPS Receiver





AxiomNavigation Swift B1 OEM Receiver



- OEM module
- Based on SiRF 2nd generation chip set

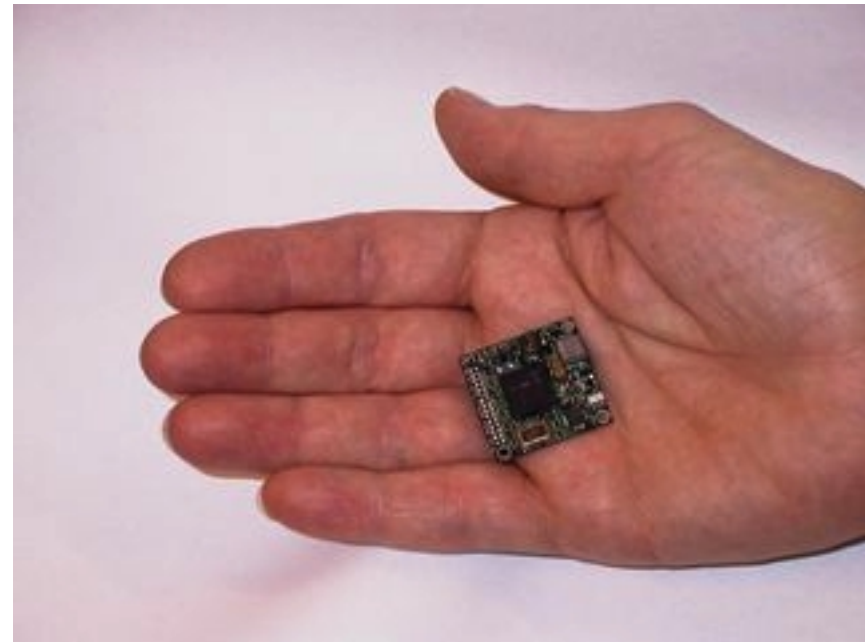
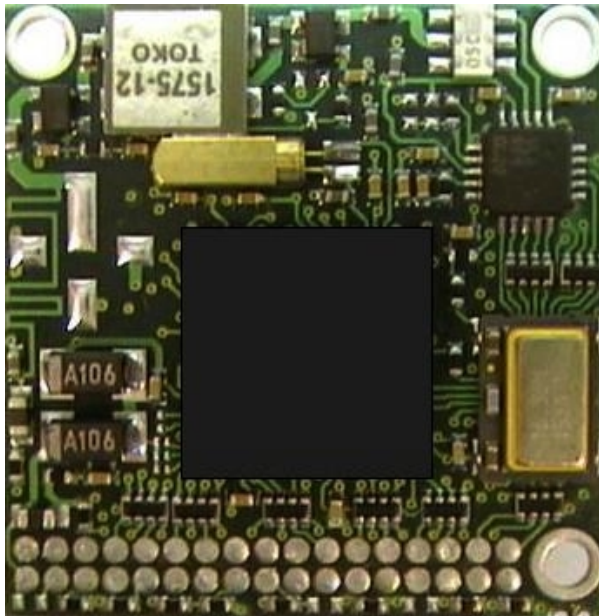


iTrax02 GPS Receiver Module



|-----25 mm-----|

|-----25 mm-----|





Differential GPS



- Increases stand-alone GPS receiver accuracy
- Several commercial and public broadcast systems in use or under development:
 - Coast Guard LF beacons (public)
 - FM sub-carrier (commercial)
 - Satellite L-band (commercial)
 - Wide Area Augmentation System (public)
 - Canada-wide DGPS Service (public)
- Private systems also used



GPS Benefits to Public Safety



- Rapid response and dispatch of emergency services
- Decreased response time to exact locations
- Search and rescue
- Emergency vehicle tracking/reporting



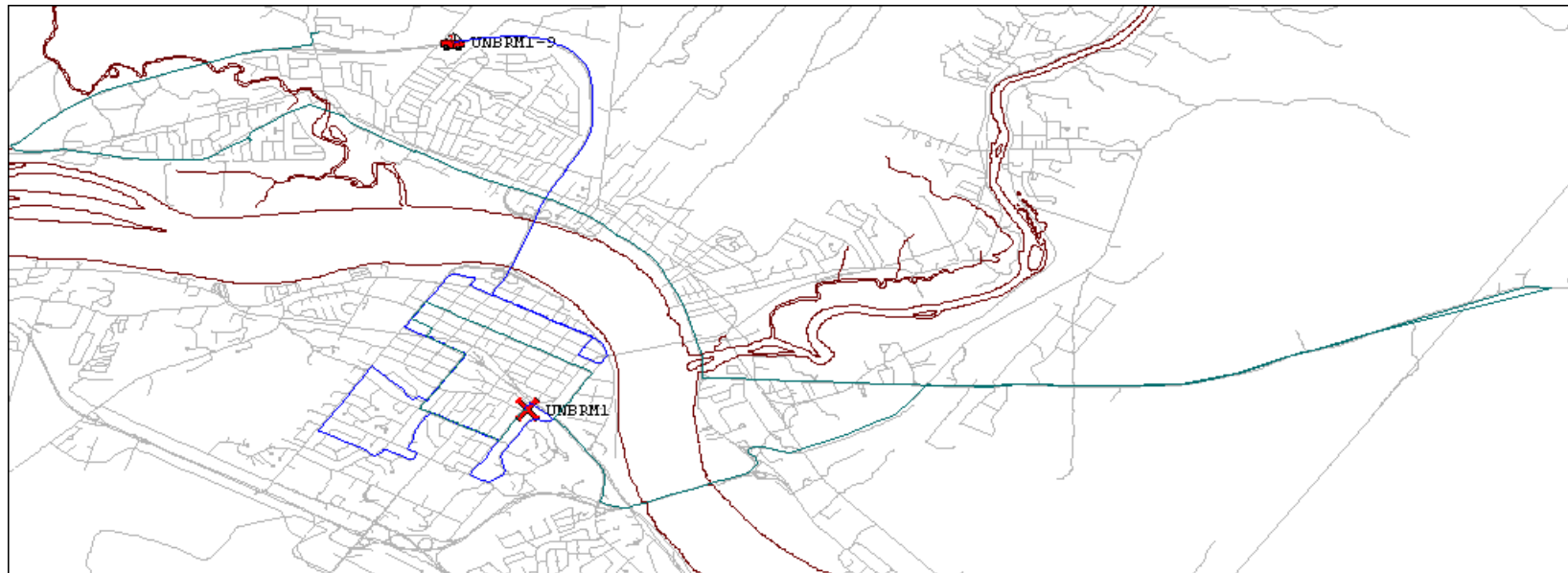
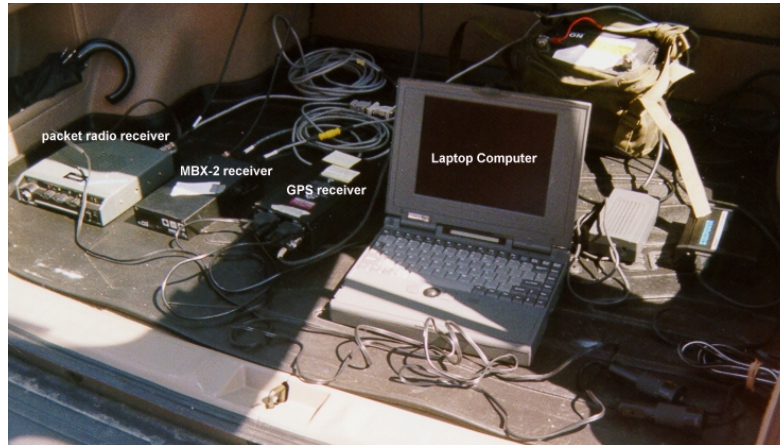
GPS Tracking Systems



- Many commercial products on the market
- Systems tailored to trucking, taxi, public service, and emergency vehicle fleets
- Variety of communication systems and protocols in use:
 - Terrestrial VHF and UHF dedicated links
 - “Piggy-backing” over existing communication channels
 - Cellular telephone network
 - Satellite links



UNB's "Home Brew" GPS Tracking System



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FCC E-911 Requirements



- FCC issued a Report and Order in October 1996 requiring U.S. network operators to implement an E-911 location capability by October 2001
- Phase I: Pass caller's phone number, cell-site, and cell-sector location information to public safety answering point (PSAP) by April 1998
- Phase II: Provide caller's location (latitude and longitude) to appropriate PSAP by October 2001 – automatic location identification (ALI)
- 2 major solution technologies: network-based and handset-based



Networked-based Location Technologies



- provides the location of wireless 911 callers using hardware and/or software in the wireless network and/or another fixed infrastructure
- does not require the use of special location determining hardware and/or software in the caller's portable or mobile phone
- e.g., time-difference of arrival (TDOA), angle of arrival (AOA), hybrid systems, RF “fingerprinting”



Handset-based Location Technologies



- provides the location of wireless 911 callers using special location-determining hardware and/or software in the caller's portable or mobile phone
- may employ additional location-determining hardware and/or software in the wireless network and/or another fixed infrastructure
- e.g., GPS, Loran-C
- GPS: standalone and network-assisted (e.g. SnapTrack)



Phase II Accuracy Standards



- For network-based solutions: 100 metres for 67% of calls; 300 meters for 95% of calls
- For handset-based solutions: 50 metres for 67% of calls; 150 metres for 95% of calls



GPS-capable Handsets



- First sets introduced in 1999
- Several manufacturers currently selling GPS-equipped handsets, mostly in Europe (GSM)
- SiRF Technology recently signed major contracts with both Nokia and Ericsson

- Garmin Corporation, Olathe, KS
- NavTalk Pilot: first GPS-equipped cellular telephone (1999)
- Advanced Mobile Phone System
- Moving-map display
- First Assist™ one-touch emergency service
- Standard version (NavTalk) also available
- NavTalk II GSM phone (4th Q, 2001)



Tendler Cellular FoneFinder



- GPS receiver add-on to conventional cellular phone
- Emergency button
- Position information sent in synthesized voice announcement



- Airbiquity Inc., Bainbridge Island, WA
- Adds GPS capability to existing Nokia 5100, 6100, and 7100 series phones
- 12-channel, SiRF chip set based Axiom GPS receiver built into phone battery pack
- Single button transmission of position
- Data port for Palm OS PDAs

Benefon Track GSM+GPS Phone



- Benefon Oyj, Salo, Finland
- Professional telematics phone
- GSM phone + GPS
- 12-channel (all-in-view) GPS receiver
- Flip-up GPS antenna
- Short Message Service
- Mobile Phone Telematics Protocol
- Emergency dialing



Benefon Esc! Personal Navigation Phone (1)



- Benefon Oyj, Salo, Finland
- Personal navigation phone
- GSM phone + GPS
- 12-channel (all-in-view) GPS receiver
- Flip-up GPS antenna
- 100 x 160 pixel screen
- Map display
- External antenna and NMEA connectors



Benefon Esc! Personal Navigation Phone (2)



- Personal organizer
- E-mail and Web access
- Short Message Service
- Mobile Phone Telematics Protocol
- Mobile Map Service Protocol



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The Future



- Further miniaturization of the technology
(smaller and smaller)
- Integration of GPS receivers into PDAs, cameras, sports equipment, etc., etc.
- Pet, child, and disabled tracking systems and services
- Bluetooth (short range RF) connectivity between GPS receivers and other Bluetooth-equipped devices
(GPS + Bluetooth = positioning inside buildings?)
- New GPS signals; higher power signals
- GPS + GLONASS + Galileo



Further Information



- <http://www.fcc.gov/e911/>
- <http://www.garmin.com/aboutGPS/>
- <http://www.gpsworld.com/>
- <http://www.unb.ca/GGE/>



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